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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yehuda Ivri et al.

Art Unit: 3761

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR STORING CHEMICAL
COMPOUNDS IN A PORTABLE
INHALER

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31 and add new claims 32-39

--32. A vibratable aperture plate, comprising:

a plate body having a front surface, a rear surface, and a plurality of tapered apertures extending from the rear surface to the front surface, wherein the plate body is constructed primarily of palladium.

33. An aperture plate as in claim 1, wherein the plate body is constructed of palladium-nickel.

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